THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) and (b) Oil refining industry was de-licensed in June, 1998. After de-licensing, oil refineries can be set up by companies as per their requirement.

LPG agencies in Uttaranchal

†4751. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of gas agencies working in the Uttaranchal alongwith the district-wise location thereof;

(b) whether Government have received any proposal for opening more gas agencies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) As on 1.4.2003, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) were operating 126 LPG distributorships in various districts of the State of Uttaranchal.

(b) and (c) Consequent upon the dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM), OMCs are free to set up the LPG distributorships as per their commercial considerations in all the States.

Supply of petroleum products from Vizag Refinery

4752. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petroleum products being made available to Andhra Pradesh by Vizag Refinery of HPCL at present on monthly basis, product-wise;

(b) the other sources supplying petroleum products to the State, source-wise and product-wise; and

(c) what will happen to the supplies of HPCL to the State after the disinvestment of HPCL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) The details of petroleum products being supplied to Andhra Pradesh by Vizag Refinery of HPCL product-wise and month-wise during the year 2002-03 are given below :

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.